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38th Annual Ice Festival opens in Plymouth

The 38th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival may not officially open until the cutting of the ice ribbon by city officials tomorrow evening, but there will be a very special preview for some guests this evening.

The Miracle League of Plymouth and the Plymouth District Library have joined with festival producer James Geitzen of JAG Entertainment to provide an opportunity for special needs' families to enjoy a sneak peek of the festival this evening.

"This is something new for us and I am very excited about it," Geitzen, who has produced the festival for six years, said. "It's a great way to allow more people to enjoy the ice and the event and it is just a great idea," he added.

Geitzen is also looking forward to several other events at the 2020 celebration of all things winter this year but his favorite attraction has not changed through the years.

"It's the dueling chainsaws," Geitzen said. "These guys have a chainsaw, a block of ice and 15 minutes and they produce art, every year. It is just a really exciting event," he said.

That doesn't distract from his other favorites, which are, of course, the ice carvings themselves and the products of the college teams competing for honors and prizes. Then there are the sponsored carvings like the 20-block sculpture sponsored by Michigan First again this year.

"That is always something to see," Geitzen said, along with the fire and ice towers which burn Friday and Saturday evenings, the cross country ski demonstrations and lessons offered by Sun and Snow in Kellogg Park and, of course, the ice playground, the petting farm and the tubing slide.

"The Veteran's Tent, too, with the ice bar, is a big attraction for the over 21 crowd," Geitzen said, but there is really something for everybody at this event. We just want to celebrate the outdoors and all the things there are to do outside in the winter."

As always, Geitzen said, the real unknown factor in the success of the festival, which will bring 100,000 people into the city, is the weather.

"We want it to be cold, but one year when it was warmer, people still came and they had a great time. There is just a lot to do," Geitzen said.

As for the special opening tonight, "It is designed to provide an opportunity to give special needs' families the opportunity to experience one of the opportunity to experience one of Plymouth's best weekends during the winter season they otherwise may not be able to attend," said Kelly Hermann, executive director of The Miracle League of Plymouth. "Our families will enjoy live ice carving, near the entrance to the library, and sensory friendly entertainment inside the library."

James Geitzen

Additionally, there will be interactive sensory ice blocks, light snacks, children's crafts and a theatrical performance by 4th Wall Productions. The City of Plymouth Fire Department is also scheduled to show off their gear. Volunteers will also be giving short tours of the main event setup in Kellogg Park, weather permitting.

The 2020 Plymouth Ice Festival runs from Jan. 10 to 12, throughout downtown Plymouth. For information about the Plymouth Ice Festival, contact Gietzen at (248) 817-8836 or via email at james@myjagentertainment.com.

(A complete guide to Plymouth Ice Festival activities and events is included in this edition of The Eagle.)

The Salvation Army continues Red Kettle fund drive

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

> *Salvation Army officers and volunteers work at disaster sites worldwide and across the country throughout the year.*

Those volunteer bell ringers outside businesses throughout the area during the holidays collecting for the Salvation Army may have disappeared, but the work of the organization continues year round.

Salvation Army officers and volunteers work at disaster sites worldwide and across the country throughout the year to help feed, clothe and shelter people along with the efforts of the group in teaching budgeting, combating human trafficking, offering youth character building programs, and helping those with addictions become clean and sober.

The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army, as of Jan. 3, reached $171,000 of the local $186,000 Red Kettle fundraising goal while the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps has collected $110,000 of the $129,000 goal set for this season.

Sandy Kollinger, Plymouth Corps volunteer coordinator, encourages donations through Jan. 31.

"The best way is to bring the donation to our office," at 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, she said. Cash, checks, and major credit cards can be used at the Plymouth Corps, which is on the west side of Main south of Ann Arbor Road.

The Plymouth Corps is open 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donations sustain the year-round Salvation Army programs and services.

The Plymouth Corps serves Belleville, Canton, Plymouth, and Northville residents.

Kollinger notes her corps also helped some 200 families with food and toys through the Toy Shop this Christmas.

Using Apple and Google Pay at the Red Kettles has been initiated "to compensate for people carrying less cash" while holiday shopping, she added.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps, 2300 S. Venoy Road, Westland, was also busy this Christmas season, Corps Administrator Andrew Barylski said.

"Giving can still take place to help meet the Red Kettle goal through Jan. 31," Barylski said. For his corps, mailing or dropping off a check at the Venoy location, on the west side of Venoy south of Palmer Road is preferable. Hours at that corps are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

He agreed, too, that fewer shoppers carry cash these days which impacted donations.

"That is a reality," he said.

One of the popular services at the Wayne-Westland facility is

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Trial set for man accused in threats against cops, judges

> *Lang did not post bond and has remained in the Wayne County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.*

A Van Buren Township man could face 20 years in prison if convicted of threatening the lives of police officers and local judges.

James Bernard Lang, 55, is charged with filing a false report or threat of terrorism and one count as a habitual offender, fourth offense, which carries a five to 15-year sentence upon conviction.

Prosecutors claim that Lang called the Van Buren Township Dispatch Center and made verbal threats on the lives of township police officers and the two sitting judges at the 34th District Court in Romulus. According to Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain, a man who identified himself as Lang called the dispatch center several times about 3 a.m. Oct. 20. The calls, on a recorded line, were answered and witnessed by both dispatchers and supervisory personnel on duty at the time, according to officials. Lang was subsequently arrested without incident at his Haggerty subdivision home on Oct. 12.

To avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, the case was transferred to 29th District Court in Wayne where Lang was arraigned on the charges by Judge Laura Mack. Mack ordered him held on a $100,000 or 10 percent bond and required him to wear an electronic tether if released from police custody and that he undergo mandatory alcohol testing. The case was sent to 35th District Court in Plymouth for his preliminary hearing which took place Nov. 8 before Judge James Plakas who found sufficient evidence to send him for trial.

Lang did not post bond and has remained in the Wayne County Jail awaiting his next court appearance which will be a jury trial scheduled to begin Feb. 5.

Canton - Northville

Canton planning annual Dr. King celebration

Canton Township will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a civil rights inspired concert by award-winning hip hop artist Shaun Boothe.

Boothe is an award-winning hip-hop recording artist, TEDx speaker and creator of 'The Unauthorized Biography Series'. After spending more than a decade in the music industry, Boothe's path has shifted to now focus on educating the next generation as an inspirational speaker and performing artist.

The Unauthorized Biography Series is a musical project that celebrates the world's greatest cultural icons through biographical hip hop songs. Each chapter in the series captures the legacy of a positive and influential iconic figure in a documentary-style music video. Icons featured in the series include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bob Marley, Muhammad Ali, Malala Yousafzai, Terry Fox, Oprah Winfrey, Barack Obama and more.

Boothe combines his passion for speaking with the Unauthorized Biography Series as a powerful tool to both entertain and inspire others to achieve their own greatness. "The power of hip hop is in the stories we choose to tell," stated Boothe. "Our stories can either build us up or break us down."

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20.

This engagement and additional youth community hip hop workshops for Canton Youth Connection (CYC) and Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids (B.L.O.C.K.) are supported by a grant from the Arts Midwest Touring Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Crane Group. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township.

Shaun Boothe, creator of 'The Unauthorized Biography Series,' will perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Jan. 20 to celebrate and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy.

Tickets for this event are $15 each and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling or in person at the Village Theater Box Office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at (734) 394-5300. Any remaining tickets will also be available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

New group questions race track development plan

Nearly 200 Northville residents flocked to the Marquis Theater for a special event in November, but the attraction wasn't on the stage or screen.

The first meeting of Citizens For Northville, a grassroots organization led by longtime Northville resident and retired General Motors executive Bill Poulos drew the crowds, anxious to hear the plans for the development of the 50-acre Northville Downs raceway property in the middle of the downtown area. Poulos has said he believes that the planned residential housing on the site will "kill the city." The owners of the racetrack signed a tentative sales agreement in 2018 but the track continues to operate with regular horse racing events. Developers Hunter Pasteur Homes and Watermark Residential have submitted plans for 300 high-end luxury apartments and retail shops along with homes at the racetrack site.

Poulos contends the plans of the developer will ruin the current charm of Northville and will cause traffic congestion and problems the city will not be able to solve. His group has hired Michael Stampfler, a professional consultant to help them evaluate the development plans.

Poulos said that Stampfler has the experience with planned development that current members of the Northville Planning Commission do not.

Citizens For Northville, as an entity, has expressed several areas of concern in a written statement which the group has forwarded to city officials. Their concerns, according to the statement, include the impact on traffic and roads; parking; proper consideration of the Watermark proposal for 300 apartments and townhomes along with commercial units along 9 acres of Cady Street; the best use of the Cady Street property and the ownership and operation of the Watermark apartments if they built as proposed.

Canton board members mark promotions of 3 officers

Three public safety recognitions at a meeting of the Canton Township Board of Trustees last month packed the meeting room with family and friends.

Newly promoted Sgt. Andrew Colthurst's promotion was announced first.

Colthurst joined the Canton Police Department in 2007, and was joined by parents Eric and Susan Colthurst.

New Lt. Michael Andes, who was hired as a Canton police officer in 2007 and became a sergeant in 2016, was also recognized. Andes was joined by his wife, Melissa, son, Landon, and daughter, Preslee, as well as in-laws Arlene and Bob Johnson.

New Lt. Edward Johnson, also recognized, was hired as a Canton officer in 2002 and promoted to sergeant in 2014. He was joined by his wife, Kathleen, and daughters Meredith, Hadley and Violet.

The three officers were recognized by Trustee John Anthony, a retired FBI special agent, and took their oaths of office from Canton Clerk Michael Siegrist.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2020 for the following:

STEEL-TOE SAFETY BOOT PROGRAM

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for the removal and replacement of pedestrian/street lighting on the WEST side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the January 13, 2020 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, January 13, 2020 in order to reserve you right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING!

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

High marks

Interim superintendent promoted by school board

Dr. Flinnoia Hall III has been named as the superintendent of the Romulus Community School District.

Hall, who has been serving as the acting superintendent since February of 2019, will assume his permanent role on July 1 when his current contract as acting superintendent expires.

Members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education named Hall to the permanent position by a 4-3 vote during a meeting in November.

"I'm honored that the board has seen the work that I've done in the acting role, and has considered the work I've done over nearly six years in this district," said Hall. "I'm glad they feel that I am the right person for this job."

"Dr. Hall is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment where all students are able to learn and thrive," said Judy Kennard, who serves as school board president. "Dr. Hall is aware of the district challenges, and thus far has shown he can address each one of them willingly and strategically."

"We are addressing various concerns," said Hall. "My goal is to streamline support at Central Office for district staff."

Hall also plans to expand career and technical education offerings at Romulus High School.

School board members include Kennard, Edward Martell, Danielle Funderburg, Denisa Terrell, Theresa Beard, Ursula Wester and Debi Pyles.

"Dr. Hall's goal is to transform Romulus Community Schools into the educational choice of excellence, to be the best in class," explained Kennard.

Dr. Flinnoia Hall III

Hall has worked in K through 12 education since 1999. He has worked in Saginaw, Highland Park and Detroit Public Schools.

Belleville officials hope to see state funding soon

City of Belleville officials are looking forward to the new state budget and the New Year.

Mayor Pro-tem Jesse Marcotte reminded the council members during a meeting last month that efforts from two years ago to secure state funding for the Doane's Landing seawall repair may pay off soon.

Marcotte told his fellow council members that State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, had worked to secure $250,000 in state funding for the seawall and had continued to work toward the funding through two state administrations. He told the council that while it is not finalized yet, it appears that Belleville will receive the funds when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signs the new state budget.

Mayor Kerreen Conley reminded the city officials that State Sen. Hoon Yung Hopgood had also worked on securing the funds for the city when he was in office.

Conley noted that the city is seeing progress on several fronts and mentioned the new library, building projects by Scott Jones and the reorganization of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"There are things on the horizon and we're looking forward to 2020 to see where the city can go," Conley said.

Romulus plans Community March to honor Dr. King

The City of Romulus, Romulus Community Schools and the Romulus Ministerial Alliance will host a celebration of the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 20.

The annual tradition includes a march from Romulus Middle School to the high school where breakfast will be served and the program take place.

Shuttle service is provided from Romulus High School to the middle school for those doing the walk beginning at 7 a.m.

Walkers should be at the Middle School by 7:30 a.m. The march will step off promptly at 8 a.m.

Non-walkers, are welcome to attend a pancake breakfast at the high school which will also begin at 8 a.m.

Walkers will arrive at the breakfast following the march. The continental breakfast is sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club.

The celebration program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, contact: Rev. Arthur Willis, committee chairman at (313) 701-2423, Romulus Community Schools Central Office at (734)532-1610, or Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545.

The official schedule of events is: 7:30 a.m., walkers meet at Romulus Middle School; 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. shuttle service for walk participants from Romulus High School to Romulus Middle School; 8 a.m. Community March begins to Romulus High School,

8- 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at Romulus High School cafeteria and 9:30 a.m. Celebration Program and speaker.

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NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS TO FORFEIT AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY

TO: All interested persons

You are hereby notified that on 02/26/2018, pursuant to MCL 600.4701 et seq, the Northville Township Police Department seized the following described property: 2004 Buick Rendezvous, VIN: 3G5DA03E84S584868 and Eric Pierre Warren was convicted of the crime of Attempted 2nd Degree Home Invasion pursuant to MCL 750.110a(3) and sentenced on May 07, 2018. To file a claim of interest in this property you must, within twenty-eight (28) days of the first publication of this notice, file claim with the Northville Township Police Department at 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, Telephone No. (248) 349-9400. Failure to file a written claim will result in the forfeiture of the seized item(s) to the seizing policy agency in accordance to law.

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INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF ROMULUS
ITB 19/20-15 - PROJECT #0155-19-0070 2020 HMA PAVING PROGRAM

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the 2020 HMA PAVING PROGRAM. The work includes pulverization of the existing flexible pavement along Beverly Road (Hunt Street to Wayne Road), Irma Street, Hunt Street, and Joan Street. The crushed pavement will be compacted and new HMA pavement placed. This project also includes a section of 2-inch HMA mill and overlay on Vining at I-94.

No pre-bid meeting is required for this meeting.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on January 21, 2020. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 19/20-15 - PROJECT #0155-19-0070 2020 HMA PAVING PROGRAM
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents shall be on file after 1:00 PM, January 7, 2020, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711).

Companies can also view or download copies of the plans and bid documents from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn).

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Rich Hobgood of OHM at 734-466-4492 or via email at rich.hobgood@ohm-advisors.com.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 23, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacey Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance: Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
Agenda
Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of the Agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Minutes
Res. #19-389 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 9, 2019.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #19-390 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on December 9, 2019 - 6:30pm - Closed Session- Union Negotiation; 7:00pm - Study Session - DDA/TIFA Public Informational Meeting in accordance with Public Act 57.
Roll Call Vote: **Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Williams; **Abstain** - Talley, Webb
Motion Carried
Petitioner
Petitioner, Bruce Babiarz, Chief Marketing Officer of Divdat Kiosk Network gave an introduction and explanation of the Divdat Kiosk Network Services Agreement, proposed under the Mayor's Report, and answered questions from the Council.
Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
Res. #19-391 Moved by **Kathy Ado**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a Resolution of Recognition to Landis Machine Shop for 91 years of doing business in the City of Romulus.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Councilman Wadsworth gave an update on Mel Zilka and publicly wished him a Merry Christmas.
The Mayor Pro Tem wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Chairperson's Report
Motion Carried Unanimously
Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
The Mayor presented a short video of upcoming community events and announcements, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Res. #19-392 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the DIVDAT Kiosk Network Master Services Agreement with Diversified Data Processing and Consulting, Inc.
Motion Carried Unanimously

Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
The City Clerk announced the upcoming MLK Day Community Celebration on January 20, 2020 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer
The City Treasurer thanked everyone for their support on the Divdat Kiosk Network project and reminded taxpayers that in order to claim property taxes on their 2019 income tax returns, the property taxes must be paid in 2019; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Public Comment
One resident requested to speak - Edna Talon Jemison of the Fairways of Gateway Homeowners Association acknowledged and thanked the elected officials and administrative staff for supporting and attending the 1st annual Gateway Holiday Party.
Unfinished Business - None
1. New Business - None
2. Warrant
Res. #19-393 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of Warrant #19-24; Checks presented in the amount of $1,751,242.30.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Communication
Councilwoman Williams announced the opening and hours of operation of the Upscale Warehouse and the New Year's Eve Party Event.
Councilmembers Barden, Talley, Webb, and Williams all thanked and acknowledged Edna Talon-Jemison and team on a successful 1st annual Holiday Party and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Adjournment
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Romulus City Council held on **December 23, 2019.**

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Plymouth

Warm welcome

Veterans' Tent is popular attraction during annual Plymouth Ice Festival

As the crowds flock into the huge tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant during the Ice Festival this year, they probably won't realize the $5 cover charge is being collected by a hero.

The tent, renamed the Veteran's Party Tent this year, will feature two of the most popular bands in the area, Smokin' Mirrors on Friday and Power Play Detroit on Saturday. It is one of the largest fundraisers of the year for the Vietnam Veterans of America group. The men collecting the cover charge and checking IDs at the entrance are veterans of that war and have seen armed conflict that didn't end with their return home during the late 1960s. Many faced angry crowds, jeers and the hostility of their fellow Americans.

"The first thing I did was get out of my uniform even though I was proud to wear it," veteran Rick Adis said. "I just didn't want to take all the crap."

Vietnam veteran Ron King of Plymouth Township recalled an airline gate agent in San Diego, California, suggesting he change his clothes as his uniform could offend some people. "We didn't get treated well," he said.

They, along with several others, are members of the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, (VVA) a group founded in 1978 and which remains the only National Vietnam Veterans Organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-Era Veterans and their families. The entire cover charge for both nights of live entertainment in the tent will go to help support the veterans' organization, noted E.G. Nick's owner Frank Agostini.

"He just freely gives it to the Vietnam Veterans," said King, Chapter 528 secretary and former president. "He has a special place in his heart for Vietnam veterans."

The cost is $5 per person. Last year, the Chapter 528 volunteers made close to $6,000 from Ice Fest tent.

"He just treats us really well," Plymouth Township resident King said of Agostini. Being at the Ice Fest promotes VVA community involvement while supporting activities and services for veterans.

Vietnam veterans Don Dignan of Livonia, a Dearborn native, John Spencer who lives in Canton and Bob Lamoureux, also of Canton, have leadership roles in both the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 528 as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695, at 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth. Returning veterans from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere are encouraged to call (734) 459-6700 to learn about membership and benefits offered to veterans.

The goal of the group is, "to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam-Era Veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam-Era Veterans, according to the website dedicated to the chapter. "Our chapter activities benefit the communities of Plymouth and Canton as well as Wayne County and these activities help to create a positive public perception of Vietnam-Era Veterans."

Dignan said the post has a few Korean veterans who are members. A couple of World War II veterans remain, and Persian Gulf service personnel have joined in recent years, he added.

The post is reaching out to younger veterans, and the men point with pride to Iraq combat medics who have joined.. The current membership is 307 individual members and 285 life members.

"I was in two years. That was enough," Lemoureux said of his Vietnam service." He was in country for 14 days and injured by napalm, earning a Purple Heart. Spencer was in Vietnam for 1966, in service 1965-67. Adis was in-country during 1966-67.

Dignan served 1967-68, in Vietnam the last half and first half of those years. King and Adis were in the U.S. Air Force, the rest Army. "We flew search and rescue," recalled King. "I'm the only officer in the bunch, the token." He was in the Air Force for 22 years and in Vietnam in 1971-72.

All five men are current or past VVA presidents.

Veterans like them will be volunteering their time both Friday and Saturday and the entire cover charge goes to the local chapter to help veterans with a multitude of services.

"These guys are heroes," said Agostini. "Whatever we can do to help them, we'll do."

Moving right along

Tubing slide will be relocated during 2020 Ice Festival

Crowds looking for the Tubing Run at the Plymouth Ice Festival this year will not find it at the usual location on Ann Arbor Trail.

This year, the popular attraction has been moved to Main Street near Ann Arbor Trail and obviously, won't be hard to spot. While only about 10-feet high, the amusement looks much taller according to Josh and Melissa Zian of Clarkston who bring the structure to the Plymouth Ice Festival. The slide provides about 100 feet of sliding fun, they said.

"We do it because it's fun. We just developed it. You can do it year round. You don't need snow," explained Josh Zian.

"It looks bigger because we have sides on it," he said of the ride, noting it's used "like a ski resort" with inner tubes.

"We just created the slide for fun. We were invited by Plymouth to come out and enjoy the time," he added.

This is the third year the slide has been available for fun-seekers and again this year the slide will have lights along with rollers on the slide which will add little "hills" or "bumps" rather than being a flat ride down the expanse.

"It adds more excitement to the ride," Zian said. The couple does a number of other events with the slide, including in summertime when lights aren't needed.

The couple said they enjoy the community events. Josh Zian's Z Innovations is a family owned and operated business bringing snow sports to the region since 2007.

"Our setup provides users the ability to ski, snowboard and snow tube. Bringing the mountain to you ... no real snow necessary," is the claim on the company website.

The Tubing Slide is sponsored by DTE Energy Foundation and will be open from 6 until 9 p.m. Friday, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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Death of longtime coach, Larry 'Chum' Stockwell mourned

An icon in the local Wayne and Westland communities, Larry "Chum" Stockwell died Jan. 2.

Mr. Stockwell, 80, was the owner of Chum's Donut Shop in Westland, a business started by his father, Chalmer C. "Chum" Stockwell in 1941 and considered a veritable institution in the area.

Mr. Stockwell was the youngest of five children, born to Chalmer and Helen Marie Stockwell on Feb. 13, 1939. He grew up in Belleville and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Wayne in 1957.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Stockwell opened his Westland shop in 1966. Mr. Stockwell was known as "Coach Stockwell" to many football, basketball, baseball and softball players. They benefitted from his sports knowledge and leadership for St. Mary's teams for more than 40 years and he was a great influence and role model for countless young players.

> *He just had a huge impact locally,*
> *and was a beloved coach.*
> *He impacted thousands of kids' lives.*

Tributes from former students and players flooded social media acknowledging Mr. Stockwell's influence and advice to young people throughout his four decades of coaching in the area.

"He just had a huge impact locally, and was a beloved coach. He impacted thousands of kids' lives," noted Del Reddy, one of Mr. Stockwell's former players. "He was my first baseball coach," Reddy recalled.

Mr. Stockwell was also a member of the Knights of Columbus #3021 Notre Dame Council and was a member and leader of both the Wayne Memorial and John Glenn athletic team booster clubs, according to Reddy. "He volunteered endless hours in the community to help young people."

Among Mr. Stockwell's survivors are his wife of 58 years, Veronica; children, Troy (Lynne) Stockwell, Todd (Sandra) Stockwell, Craig (Jill) Stockwell, Robin (Larry) Small, and Traci (Bryce) Wilson; grandchildren, Ashley Wieczorek, Sierra, Natalia, Shane, Cory, Ryan, Chaneil, Maria (Brandon) Mullins, Marguerite, Duncan, and Veronica, and great-grandchildren, Jade and Nathan. He is also survived by his sister, Sally (Neal) Hannan and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Stockwell was pre-deceased by his siblings, Anthony "Tony" (Dorothy) Stockwell, Suzanne Schwein, and Mary Lou (Leo) Sheehan.

A funeral mass took place at St. Mary Catholic Church Jan. 7 at interment services with military honors were at Great Lakes National Cemetery yesterday.

Memorials in honor of Mr. Stockwell may be made to: American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215 (www.diabetes.org), American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate , 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, (www.americanherat.org), National Kidney Foundation, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 (www.kidney.org), Michigan Medicine (U of M Hospital) 1000 Oakbrook Drive-Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (leadersandbest.umich.edu).

Larry "Chum" Stockwell

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Winners of Basketball Legends of Inkster raffle named

Last month, lucky winners helped families in Inkster when the winners of the Basketball Legends of Inkster Big Raffle were announced at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex.

Funds from the annual raffle are used each year to provide toys, gifts and groceries for holiday meals for at least 100 Inkster families. This year, winners of the raffle included:

Winners of the three grand prizes included Brian Quantz who won tickets to the

Detroit Pistons game against the Eastern Conference Champion Milwaukee Bucks at Little Caesars Arena on Feb. 20 and a $50 dinner card at Sports & Social in Detroit.

Sam Mims won a two-night stay at the Bayshore Resorts in Traverse City plus a $50 gas card while Mike Halker won the Harlem Globetrotter package.

Dinner for two at Texas Roadhouse was won by Yolanda Holmes and a second prize of dinner for two at the Texas Roadhouse was won by Corey Thomas. Alicia Murrell won a case of Porterhouse steaks from Fairway Meats in Detroit. Lisa Lewis won four tickets to the Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village and Monica Holt also won four tickets to the Henry Ford Museum; Trenton Jones won a birthday party blast for 15 guests at the Romulus Athletic Center; Joann Sayles won dinner for four at Mexican Village; Bernie Hugely won a $25 gift card from Mexican Fiesta as did Ernestine Williams and Jason Reed.

Dinner for two at They Say restaurant was won by Loren Claypool while Mitch Riley won the first dinner for two at the Ford Garage and Richard Perkins won the second dinner for two at the restaurant. The first dinner for two at Urban Soul went to Mike Green while the second dinner for two at Urban Soul went to James Ross. The first dinner for four at the Golden Corral went to Barb Wood while the second dinner for two at Golden Corral went to Venus Willis.

Four tickets to the Detroit Zoo went to Lorenzo Moner and dinner for two at Sammy's Cuccina went to Brian James.

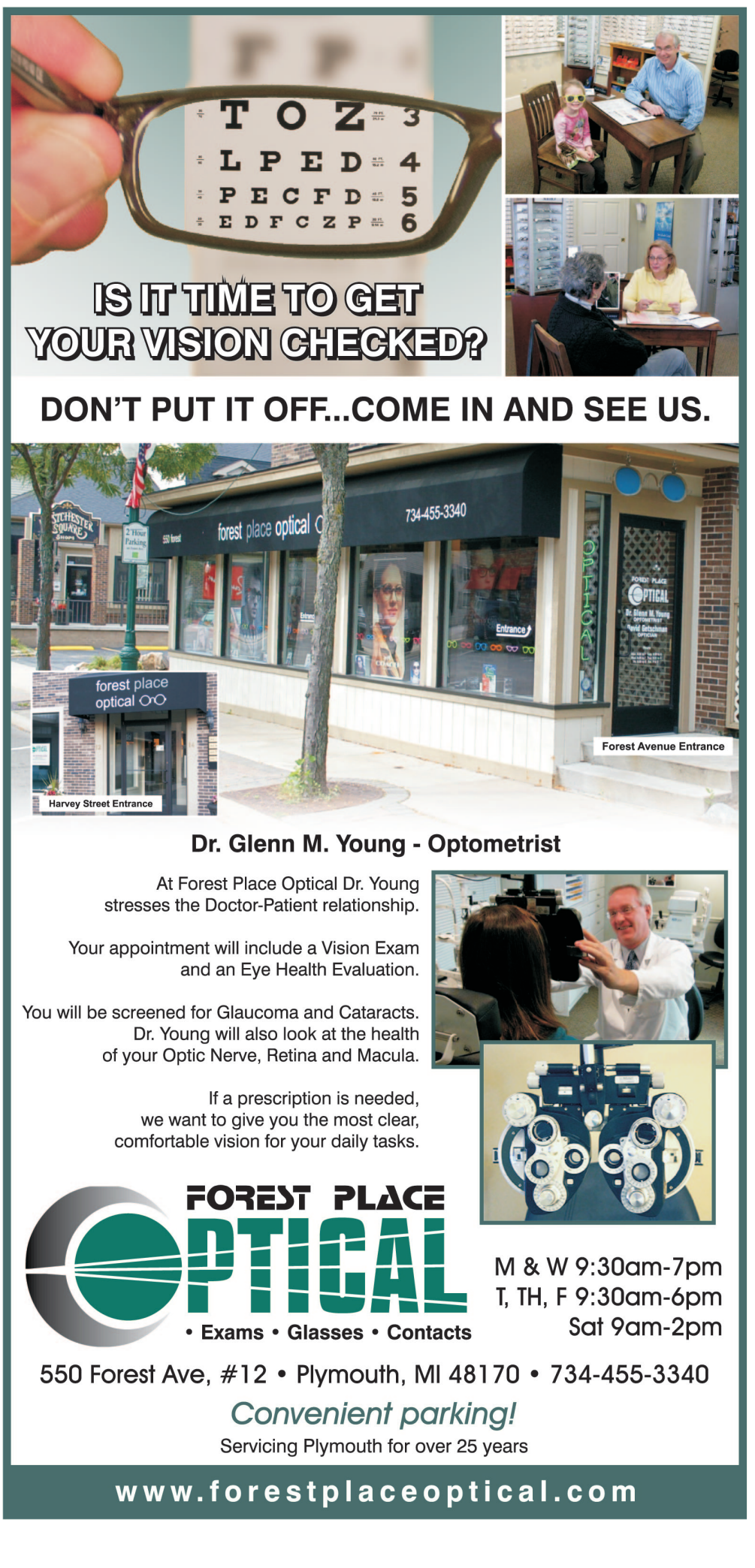
Clint Barnett won a Princess Cruise and Annette Johnson won tickets to a performance at the Detroit Music Hall.

Two bonus prizes were also awarded this year.

Heather Mahon won $150 teeth whitening at the Cherry Hill Dental Center and Brenda Jooin won three haircuts at Drews Cool Cutz in Wayne.

According to Basketball Legends of Inkster founder and President Freddie Smiley, the event again this year was very successful and because of the donations from businesses and ticket purchases, the group was able to help Inkster families in need.

Smiley said the raffle drawing gets more popular every year and he said he was very grateful to all those who donated to the event, purchased tickets or volunteered help.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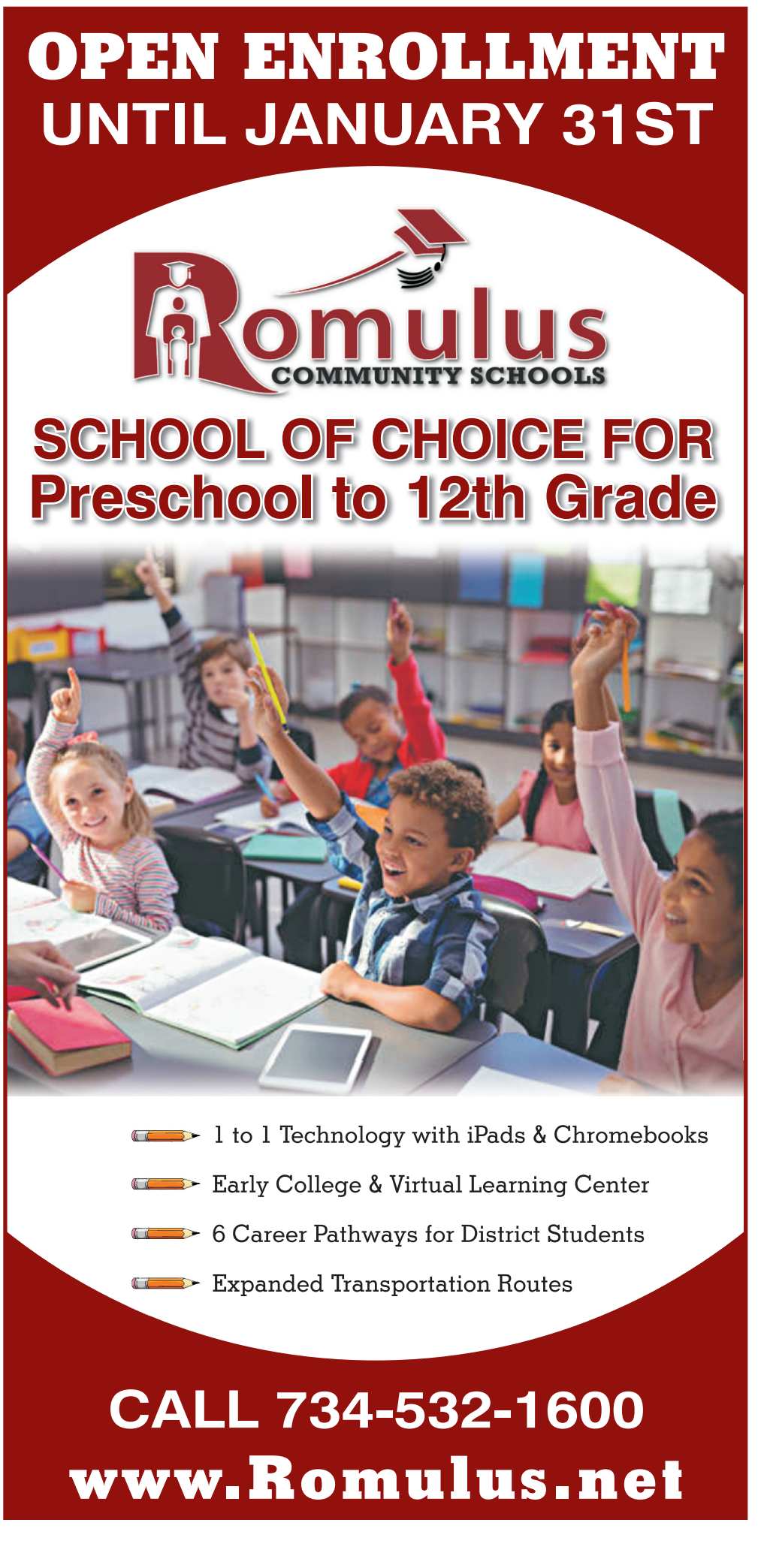

Calendar of events

Suite Surrender presented

Inspire Theater will be presenting Suite Surrender: a farce by Michael McKeever at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25, and at 3 p.m. Jan. 12, 19 and 26. Westland Center for the Arts is located at 33455 Warren Road.

The story takes place in 1942 and two of Hollywood's biggest divas have descended upon the luxurious Palm Beach Royale Hotel -- assistants, luggage, and legendary feud with one another in tow. Everything seems to be in order for their wartime performance until they are somehow assigned to the same suite. Mistaken identities, overblown egos, double entendres, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this love note to the classic farces of the 30s and 40s. The play is not suitable for all ages. For tickets and more information visit https://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com

Elks host Blues performance

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door and dancing is encouraged.

The Kathleen Murray Band will perform Jan. 14. Joining Murray with vocals is Mike Ferencz on guitar, Craig Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums and Evan Mercer on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

Plymouth Concerned Citizens meetings resume

The first Plymouth Concerned Citizens meeting of the year is planned for 7 p.m. Jan. 15. at the Plymouth District Library. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District representatives will discuss their upcoming request for a $275 million bond issue set for the Democratic primary ballot on March 10.

School Superintendent Monica Merritt says the bond would not increase the current school district millage rate of 4.02 mills.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens is a community activist group of residents from both Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Meetings are open to the public.

The library is located at 223 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Chorus begins rehearsals

The Belleville Community Chorus (BCC) under the direction of Rachael Parr will begin rehearsals for a spring concert season at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

All singers are invited to join the community group.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing.

For more information, contact Claudia Roullier at (734)697-8235 or claudiarou47@yahoo.com or the chorus website www.bellevillechorus.com.

Policy groups to meet

The first meeting of the mayor's policy working groups in Inkster is set for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Dozier Recreation Center.

According to Dennis Black, a senior advisor in the mayor's office, "The city policies will come from the citizens participating in these workshops."

Chairmen of the respective groups will be selected he said. Current groups include; Housing; Education; Workforce Development; Economic Development, Criminal Justice Reform; Energy Production and Information Technology.

To register for the meeting, call (313) 768-6071.

The Dozier Recreation Center is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster and the meeting will take place in the multi-purpose room.

Bowling fundraiser planned

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Romulus Library have planned a bowling fundraiser from beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Jan. 18 at Romulus Lanes, 37452 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m.. Tickets are $25 per person or $50 per couple which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a soft drink. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar.

Organizers said that the event is usually a sell out and urged early ticket purchase. The event is limited to the first 72 bowlers.

For tickets or information, call (734) 893-0694.

State of the City planned

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff will present his annual 2020 State of the City address beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road in Romulus.

There is a $20 donation requested which will be used for Romulus Summer Programming including Sounds in Downtown and Movies in the Park.

Registration will begin at 3:30 and light refreshments will follow from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. following the mayor's presentation.

Distinguished Young Women orientation is planned

An orientation meeting for Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at 32807 Manor Park in Garden City.

This year, the pageant will also include candidates for Distinguished Young Women of Wayne County.

The event will take place March 6 at Wayne Memorial High School and any high school junior girl who resides in Wayne-Westland or lives in Wayne County can register for the scholarship competitions at www.waynewestland.mi.distinguishedyw.org or www.WayneCounty.DistingusiedYW.org and click on Apply Now.

Information will be forwarded to organizers who will contact candidates with details.

Jazz performance planned

Jazz @ The Elks take place from 7 until 9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Pete Siers Organic Roots will perform Tuesday, Jan. 28. Siers will be on drums, Duncan MacMillan on organ, Steve Wood on sax, and Matt LaRusso on guitar.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email

Daddy Daughter Dances planned in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host the 9th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Cultural Center Reception Room from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 and again Saturday, Feb. 1.

Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Semi-formal, dressy-casual attire recommended.

Advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited. Sorry, no walk-ins will be accepted.

The cost for the dance is $12 and registration is now available online at www.plymouthmi.gov/recreation.

The Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-6620.

Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 5 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker for the meeting will be Sue Grubba who will discuss the Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing. Light snacks will be served.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Butterfly Ball returns

A Valentine's Day tradition returns to Canton Township Feb. 7 and 8 with the Butterfly Ball at the Summit on the Park. The event offers a unique experience and dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated- balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Choose from three dances: 6 p.m. Feb. 7 or 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 8.

All three dances will again be held in the Summit gymnasium this year. Ticket sales will end Feb. 1.. Tickets are $11 for residents and $14 for non-residents. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Drive

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the after-school program for students which is free and offers not just homework help, recreation and some field trips but also a hot meal each night.

"As it gets colder, we get more kids," Barylski said. He appreciates bell ringers and other Salvation Army volunteers, noting volunteer hours at his corps have gone up the past few years "which was very encouraging."

Utility payment help is also offered through the Salvation Army with Barylski noting "All of our programs year-round are supported by the Red Kettle, everything that happens at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army."

His corps services Inkster, Wayne, Westland, Romulus and New Boston residents.

The Metro Detroit kettle of The Salvation Army holds honors as the world's tallest at 56 feet. Leaders of The Salvation Army appreciate all donors and note fundraising runs through the end of January.

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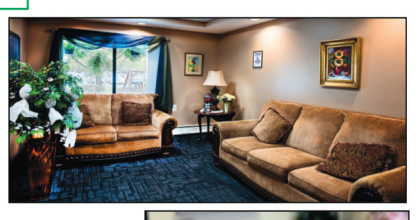

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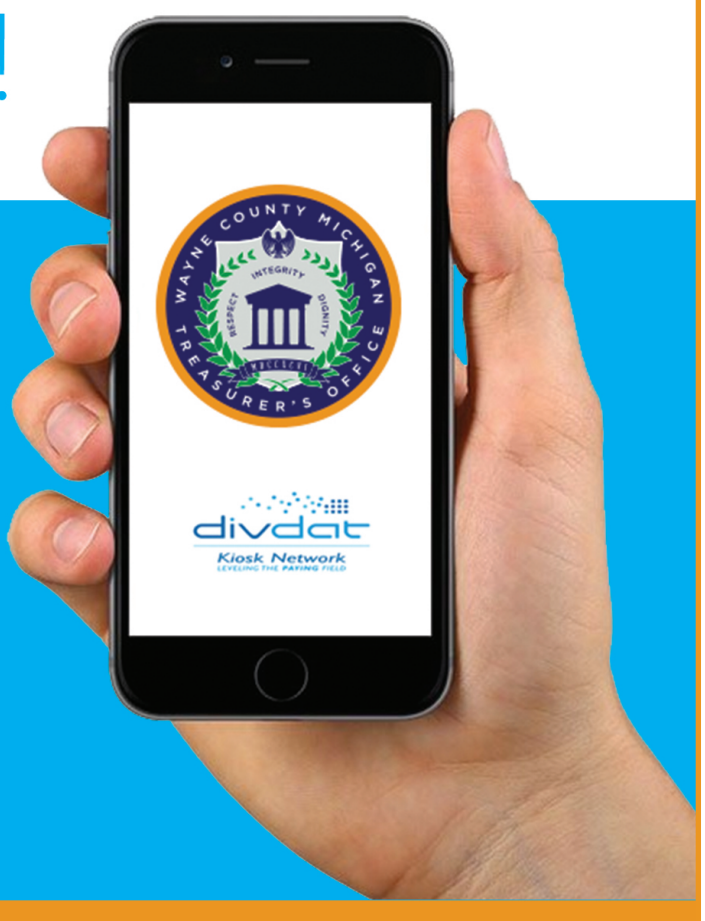

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